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Why does a Microsoft Certified Professional oppose the proposed Microsoft-DOJ settlement?

[1] Because Microsoft is an unabashed monopolist that squelches competition -- and innovation -- in a field that I chose to enter back in the "DOS Days"; when I (still) aspired to be affiliated with a company that "demystified" personal computers, and helped to bring them into small companies and people's homes at an affordable price. Sadly, those days are long gone...

[2] I could write a LONG list of the companies and products that died in the Microsoft stranglehold, but I believe DOJ already has that information in hand from the legal proceedings.

[3] I urge DOJ to force Microsoft to make all of it's API and related code information for Windows 98 / Me / 2000 / XP open to developers; or, those code and "hidden" API's in the Office 2000 / XP suite that prevent seamless integration with other suites (Corel, Lotus, Star, etc.).

(As an aside, I am so outraged by Microsoft's behavior that I have become a very vocal advocate for open source operating systems and office automation applications, and I run these on every machine that I can. But even the Linux zealots can't overcome the Microsoft "machine"!)

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